



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/649,952) Group Art Unit: 1647
Filed: August 28, 2003)

For: PROMOTERS OF THE GROWTH AND/OR DIFFERENTIATION OF
HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELLS AND/OR HEMATOPOIETIC PROGENITORS

**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME,
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
OF NOVEMBER 30, 2004 AND AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to respond to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) Office Action Restriction Requirement mailed November 30, 2004 (“the Office Action”). Accordingly, the time for response will be extended up to and including March 30, 2005. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the fee for the three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for the submission of this Response. However, in the event that the USPTO requires an additional fee to enter this Response or to maintain the present application pending, now or hereinafter, please charge such fee to the undersigned’s Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks, which include a Response to the Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.